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SUBJECT: CHMAAG AND IEMF CHIEF OF STAFF CONVERSATION

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JUL 74

1. CHMAAG BG YOW MET WITH CHIEF STAFF LG AMAN ANDOM JULY 16 FOR SECOND SUBSTANTIVE SESSION (CF REF USDAO MSG) AT LATTER'S INITIATIVE. CHIEF STAFF (C/S) TOLD CHMAAG HE WANTED DISCUSS INTER ALIA "PROGRESS ON INCREASED US GRANT MAP."

2. CHMAAG REVIEWED IN DETAIL DEVELOPMENT CURRENT MAP STARTING WITH EMPEROR'S WASHINGTON VISIT MAY 1973. CHMAAG EMPHASIZED (A) USG FULLY UNDERSTANDS ETHIOPIA'S MILITARY SITUATION; (B) USG HAD REVIEWED TENOR OF US MAP FOR ETHIOPIA AT HIGHEST LEVELS AND HAD THEN MADE APRIL 74 VERY SUBSTANTIAL GRANT/FMS/CASH PURCHASE OFFER; (C) GRANT PORTION THIS OFFER MAXIMUM USG ABLE PROVIDE WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES; (D) FOCUS PRINCIPALS' EFFORTS SHOULD NOW BE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM BUILT ON APRIL OFFER.

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3. C/S RESPONDED WITH YET ANOTHER PITCH FOR INCREASED GRANT

MAP, ADVANCING REASONS FAMILIAR TO DEPT. CHMAAG POINTED OUT THAT PRIMIN HAD GONE OVER SAME GROUND WITH CHARGE', WHO HAD ALREADY REPORTED IEG'S VIEWS FULLY.

4. ATO KIFLE WORKU OF IEG'S WASHINGTON NEGOTIATING TEAM ALSO PRESENT. HE STATED TEAM HAD REQUESTED INCREASED MAP IN WRITING AND WAS CURRENTLY AWAITING AS YET UNSCHEDULED MEETING WITH SECSTATE TO DISCUSS THIS REQUEST. HE PROJECTED FRUSTRATION OVER USG'S UNRESPONSIVENESS TO DATE TO TEAM'S EFFORTS.

5. AT ONE POINT IN CONVERSATION C/S RESPONDED TO CHMAAG'S EXPOSITION OF HIS INABILITY TO REOPEN QUESTION OF SCOPE US GRANT-MAP FOLLOWING TOP LEVEL USG DECISION WITH STATEMENT THAT HE (C/S) COMPELLED RAISE ISSUE. IN SO DOING LG AMAN LEFT IMPRESSION HE BEING RESPONSIVE TO PRESSURES/DIRECTIVES OF ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE (AFCC). "SOLDIERS," AMAN SAID, "WANT TO KNOW WHAT USG DOING TO ASSIST ETHIOPIA." CHMAAG REPLIED THAT USG'S RESPONSE TO ETHIOPIA'S NEEDS HAD BEEN MAGNIFICENT AND HOPED IEMF LEADERSHIP WOULD PROJECT REALITIES OF THIS RESPONSE FULLY TO THE RANKS. COMMENT: WE ARE CONTINUING MAKE CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT RESPOND TO AFCC EXCEPT WHEN LATTER'S VIEWS ARE RECAST BY IEG OFFICIALS AS THOSE OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.
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